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1. DATT HAS DEPARTED FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND WE ARE THEREFORE UNABLE TO DISCUSS WITH HIM GENERAL KHOURY'S REMARK THAT "HE DID NOT EXPECT TO DEPLOY FORCES FRFIRE 90 DAYS." IN HIS EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH DATT, GENERAL KHOURY HAD EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES OF CREATING, TRAINING, AND ORGANIZING RELIABLE LEBANESE ARMY FORCES TO USE IN THE SOUTH, AND HE WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER 90 DAYS TO PREPARE THEM. AT SAME TIME, HE HAS RECOGNIZED THAT HE MAY HAVE TO SEND SOME FORCES SOONER THAN HE WOULD LIKE TO IF HE IS ORDERED TO DO SO BY PRESIDENT SARKIS (SEE IR 6 857 0074 77).

2. AS REPORTED IN PARA 2, REF B, BOUTROS STATED TO CHARGE ON SEP 7 THAT LEBANESE ARMY FORCES WOULD MOVE INTO AN AREA ON THE SAME DAY THAT PALESTINIANS MOVE OUT.
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CHARGE TALKED WITH BOUTROS ON THE TELEPHONE MORNING SEP 8 AND ASKED WHETHER GENERAL KHOURY HAD CONFIRMED THIS STATEMENT IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH SARKIS AND BOUTROS AFTER CHARGE LEFT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ON SEP 7. BOUTROS REPLIED HE HAD NOT ASKED THE GENERAL AGAIN SINCE HE HAD ALREADY MADE THIS COMMITMENT. BOUTROS SAID THAT HE WOULD BE IN HIS OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

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SEP 9 (AS IS HIS CUSTOM ON FRIDAYS) AND WOULD DISCUSS
FURTHER WITH GENERAL KHOURY PRECISE TIMING AND SIZE OF
UNITS THAT WOULD BE USED BY LEBANESE ARMY IN THE SOUTH.
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